

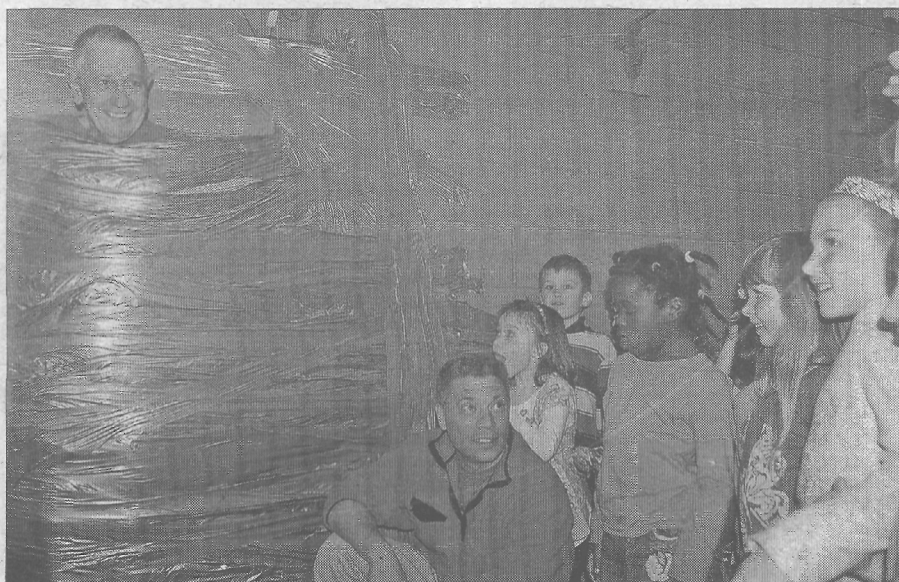
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Riley School students tape their principal, Al Czech, to the wall as part of a school fundraiser.

Czech Gets Wrapped Up for a Good Cause

By Patricia Abbott

Riley School held a movie night for students and their families on March 26. The evening's film was *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. While the school's movie nights are always well attended, this time they decided to add a bit of incentive and combine a fundraiser with the evening's film fun.

The idea for a fundraiser for their annual end of school year carnival was the brainchild of Principal Al Czech. Students and parents were offered the opportunity to purchase strips of duct tape at \$2 per strip to tape Czech to the wall in order to have him "hang out" with them during the movie. Czech stood on a small plastic stool as strips of tape were torn in quick

succession to secure him to the wall. There was much laughing and giggling as students participated in the fundraiser.

Before joining the long line to buy the tape, students quickly laid out sleeping bags, pillows, blankets and beach chairs on the gym floor. The "taping" was finished just before the start of the movie.

Over 200 people were in attendance. PTO member Kimberly Anesh noted that the turnout was almost double what they experienced at past movie nights. There were several teachers, many PTO members and parent volunteers who were on hand to help out with the event. Gym teacher Gene

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BOE Approves \$52M Budget

Cuts affect adult school, teachers, programs, sports and more

By Libby Barsky

With the exception of Board of Education member Bob Jones, the board approved a \$52,299,264 2010-2011 budget on March 31, with \$40,688,303 to be raised by local taxes. The debt service, or the \$1,183,120 that the district owes in bonds, will be added to the tax levy and increase the tax rate by 4%.

A mistake several years ago on the school's A4F tax form prepared by a previous business administrator resulted in a \$487,000 overbilling. The borough attempted twice to obtain the refund, but the county accidentally reversed the adjustment. This money will be applied to the 2010-2011 budget. The increase on a home valued at \$122,500 will amount to an additional

The public is encouraged to attend the district-wide 2010-2011 budget presentation scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the SPHS gym and Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Roosevelt Elementary School gym.

\$100.34 a year.

The increase in taxes is caused by an unexpected reduction of 28% in state aid instead of the anticipated 15% reduction, which the board says it could have managed. The borough is only receiving \$7,206,690 in state aid, \$2.8M less than last year.

According to Business Administrator Richard Guarini, state aid

was reduced by \$1.6M due to the district's excess surplus. The money was originally slated for tax relief in the 2010-2011 budget, and made it more difficult to keep taxes flat.

Due to the unanticipated loss of additional state aid, reductions including the elimination of programs, course offerings and staff are planned.

Athletic programs being eliminated at the high school include the entire freshman sports program, as well as boys' and girls' winter varsity track, competition cheerleading, varsity swimming and fall weight training.

The Adult High School Program, which provides for an alternate way to receive a South Plainfield High School diploma, will be eliminated.

Additional cuts include the elimination of the positions of team leaders in the middle and high schools as well as the elimination of summer school.

Because of tenure, seniority and in instances where the reduction of personnel for mandated programs can lead to the destruction of the program, Superintendent Jose Negron has not announced the 33 teachers, aides and secretaries who will lose their positions; however, the reductions include the school resource officer, building and grounds director, one computer technician, four secretaries, 10 teachers' aides and 16 teachers in the areas of classroom, student assistance counselors, guidance, Spanish, music and special education. There will also be reductions in program and course offerings as well as supplies.

Negron is urging the public to vote for the budget on Tuesday, April 20. If defeated, the budget will then go to the borough council which can allow the budget to remain as is or make further reductions resulting in cuts to programs and staff.

retire in December, which would put monies due over the \$807,988 mark. He anticipates paying off the bond in three years at a cost of approximately \$40,000 in interest which will not be incurred until the 2011 budget.

Democrats Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas voted "no" on the bond resolution as well as the sale of borough property on Plainfield Avenue. A new library was to be built on the site, but during a Democracy Week vote several years ago, voters rejected spending the money. The parcel was slated for auction on Monday; however, there were no offers. Opening bid was \$546,000. Mayor Butrico had originally argued with the council members about waiting until the real estate market was on an upswing to try and sell the land.

The council had hoped to be able to cover some of the cost of the retiring employees expenses with the land sale proceeds. Payouts such as the ones the borough is experiencing now will soon

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Anesh Announces Bid for Mayor

Council President Matt Anesh announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for mayor. Anesh, a two-term councilman, received the most votes for council in November when he was elected for a second term on the council.

"I'm excited about bringing new leadership to South Plainfield," said Anesh when announcing his bid. "This is probably the most challenging time in recent memory to be in local government. The mistakes of the past 20 to 30 years are catching up, and we need strong, effective leadership to fix them and get us on the right path. That's something I know I can do for South Plainfield."

Councilman Rob Bengivenga, who ran for council last year with Anesh, called the decision "good news" for South Plainfield. "Matt will make a superb mayor," Bengivenga said. "He knows how to work with people and how to lead in a way that brings everybody together."

Councilman Ray Rusnak echoed Bengivenga's enthusiasm. "Matt will be a very different type of mayor than we've seen in the past. He knows



Matt Anesh

the importance of listening, collaborating and working together. He's always taken a bipartisan approach to governing and he's shown he can be both independent and effective."

"Matt's focus is the future," added Councilman Tim McConville. "He's about looking to the future, not the past, and making the decisions today that will make South Plainfield better tomorrow."

Anesh said his top priority will be working to make South Plainfield affordable. "With the state's fiscal crisis, we have to do more with less," he explained. "This means making the same tough decisions South Plainfield families are making around the dinner table. It means remembering that we're spending people's hard-earned money and doing everything we can to cut costs and to see that what we do spend, we spend wisely."

While on the council Anesh has chaired the Public Safety and Public Works committees. He's spearheaded several projects, including the Safe Streets, Safe Kids pilot

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junior baseball club
OPENING DAY



Parade Kicks Off SPJBC Season

Finally, it's here! With opening day ceremonies set to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, it's time to "play ball!"

Parents, please have your children at Roosevelt School parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to line up for the parade. Firetrucks, the South Plainfield High School Band and the baseball teams will march to the baseball complex

to celebrate the beginning of the new season. After arriving at the ballfields, ceremonies will begin for all on Field 2.

The first games will begin at noon. Consult the Parents Handbook for the times and for team and individual pictures. All pictures will be taken in the clubhouse.



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FYI

Borough Council & BOE

Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. Council budget hearing: Tuesday at 9 p.m., Thursday at 9 p.m., (Will run as a special for two weeks or until the budget hearings are done). BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m. BOE budget hearing can be seen on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Will also run as special for two weeks or until the budget hearings are done). To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

April 19 April 19

May 3 May 3

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Apr. 13, Apr. 27, May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Apr. 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22,

Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11* and Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. *except where noted.

Regular Public Meeting: April 14

BOE community technology student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave. (April to be announced)

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Apr. 20, May 18, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Questions? 908-226-7605

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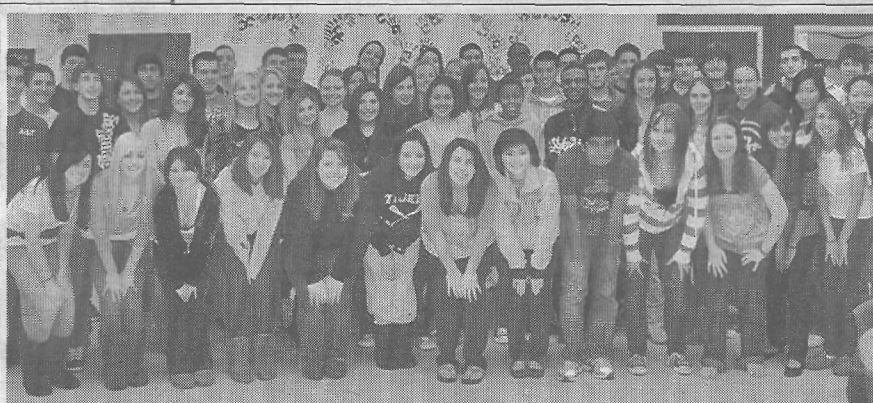
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South Plainfield High School Peer Leadership students, under the direction of teachers Marla Vandermark, Anthony Emmons, Tony Encinas and Jessica Kriskowski, collected canned food for the holidays which was placed in boxes they had decorated to be delivered to needy families by Hands of Hope in Metuchen.

In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

To the Editor:

I would like to take the time to explain my position on the 2010-2011 Board of Education budget. Bob Jones and I spent approximately 15 hours reviewing the proposed budget, page by page, item by item and submitted questions and our possible suggestions for the worst case scenario that could be imposed by Governor Christie, not knowing how bad the situation would really be. The superintendent noted that he accepted two thirds of our suggestions.

I personally did not want teachers, staff and programs cut, and neither did the rest of the board. All these cuts hurt the children in this district, just as it will in all the 625 school districts in the State of New Jersey. I believed that there were items in this budget that could have been removed for one year. A four percent tax increase would hurt many residents in this town and I understand that more cuts would be made without that tax increase.

I made my feeling known at the budget hearings. These were my opinions and each board member is entitled to their opinions and suggestions. This is a democracy. We did not get answers to our questions. We were told we were not entitled to those answers, yet we were expected to vote on a budget without full knowledge of the proposed cuts. A comment was made that I didn't like the answers; I didn't get the answers and that was my issue—not being given all the infor-

mation. It is not about "picking up my toys and going home" and I didn't like the answers that I got. Ha, I didn't get any answers and still do not have the answers. If that was the case, I would not continue to sit there, and that was a statement made by a fellow board member. I will never pick up my toys and go home, because I will continue to ask questions, look for responsible answers and fight for "our kids."

That is why I planned on voting no, but unfortunately the way the agenda was presented, the budget vote was not separate. Residents and teachers returned to the meeting when the board returned from executive session waiting for the budget vote, but that vote was done before the executive session.

DEBBIE BOYLE, BOE MEMBER

Dear Editor,

Last Tuesday morning (March 30), I found that I had four or five inches of water in my basement, and strange noises were coming from the far corner where the sump pump had been running to lower the ground water table which had risen due to the recent heavy rainfall.

What to do? So I called the police and asked for guidance. The officer immediately notified the volunteer fire department, and a few minutes later I received a call saying that help was on the way, and that Public Service had been notified to shut off the gas.

I looked out the window, and there they were. Two firemen came in and

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waded through the water to the sump pump. They quickly spotted the problem: the pump hose had become detached causing the ground water to be pumped into the basement. A few minutes to reattach the hose and to tape the connection, and the pump was back in operation.

Several more volunteers arrived carrying another pump and hose, which they installed. After several hours of pumping the job was finished, and one of the men came back to remove the pump and hose.

It is reassuring to know that South Plainfield is protected by this group of competent and dedicated men and women. We are very lucky to have them.

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President Abraham Lincoln (Robert Costello) poses with members of Custer Camp #17 during last year's Civil War Union Army Encampment.

Civil War Encampment at Spring Lake Park

The public is invited to Spring Lake Park on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to journey back in time to the Civil War Era (1861-1865).

Re-enactors representing the Union Army Infantry and Artillery will pitch camp at 10 a.m. along the banks of the old Laing mill pond known today as Spring Lake.

Visitors may tour the camp with President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costello) to learn how the soldiers lived day-to-day, watch them drill and demonstrate their firearms and cannons. Join the first family and Mayor Charles Butrico as they attend a short memorial service honoring those men from New Brooklyn (as South Plainfield was once known) who died in the service of their country during the Civil War. Reverend Charles Mingle will officiate at the Civil War Memorial in Monument Park across from Spring Lake Park.

Units expected to attend are Custer Camp #17, 43rd New York Infantry, 3rd New Jersey Infantry, 6th New York Independent Battery and 1st New Jersey Artillery.

The encampment is sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society in honor of Lt. George C. Boice, Sergeant Henry Brantingham, Private Hugh Downey, Private Aaron F. Randolph and Private Augustus Ryno

of this community.

The event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, E-mail sphistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

- 10:00 a.m.Set up camp
- 11:00 a.m.Troop inspection by President Abraham Lincoln
- 11:15 a.m.Drilling and firing demonstration
- 1:00 p.m.Memorial ceremony at Monument Park: President Lincoln, Rev. Charles Mingle, Mayor Charles Butrico, troops & public
- 2:30 p.m.Formation and firing demonstration
- 4 p.m.President and Mrs. Lincoln leave for the theater

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Recycling Changeover Hits a Few Glitches

The recent change in the contracts for curbside recycling pickups and at the recycling center caused a few glitches this past week, but most have already been addressed.

The council awarded two contracts last month—the first to Midco to perform the curbside recycling pickup previously performed by Waste Management for the past 10 years. The second was to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. to collect, remove and transport the recyclables from the borough's recycling center. Both contracts were effective April 1, 2010.

Midco placed a full page ad in last week's *Observer* to advise residents of the new pickup schedule. They also mailed a schedule to each resident. The new schedule incorporates 10 districts, which allows Midco to use one truck. Midco uses a single-stream collection program, which means residents no longer have to sort their recycling into separate containers. All recyclable materials, newspapers, cardboard, cans and bottles can be placed in one container. These two changes will result in a cost savings for the borough.

Most residents also received a recorded message from the borough's reverse phone system, explaining the changes and directing any questions to

Dr. Alice Tempel, recycling coordinator. Tempel's phones began to ring almost immediately, and before the end of the day there were 243 messages on the hot line and 75 calls on her line.

The pickup notice contained a few errors. Bell Place (district 10) was omitted and two Clarke Avenues (district 6) were listed with two pickup dates.

Midco began making pickups on Monday, but will return to those areas during the week in the event residents didn't receive schedules on time.

The recycling center also started off with a few glitches. Waste Management should have kept containers at the site until April 5, but withdrew them on March 30. A quick call was made to Smentkowski requesting containers. No containers had arrived by Thursday and residents dropping off recyclables were forced to leave them on the ground. Containers arrived late Saturday morning and all recyclables were placed in the containers.

To check specific pickup dates, log on to the borough's Web site at www.southplainfieldnj.com or www.midcowaste.com and click on "Communities We Service." For information about the borough's recycling center, call the recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620.

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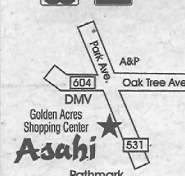
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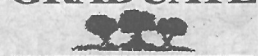
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Events

Girl Scout Troop #65118 Blood Drive

April 10

South Plainfield Girl Scout Troop #65118 together with The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Free refreshments. Free crafts for waiting children. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred.

For an appointment, call Sarah McCarthy at (908) 561-8754 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code 14666.

Knights Annual Comedy Night

April 10

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203, 334 Hamilton Blvd., will hold their annual comedy night on Saturday, April 10. Doors open at 6 p.m.; comedy starts at 7 p.m. Tap beer, soft drinks and light snacks included. BYO bottle. Cash bar for mixed drinks. Show will be PG-13 to Rated R. No one under 21 permitted to drink.

Tickets (\$25) will be sold in advance. Reserve a whole table for family and friends. To purchase tickets, call Bob Barone at (732) 266-7144.

UNICO Blood Drive

April 10

The UNICO Community Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Plainfield Municipal Building, 2480

Plainfield Ave. Free refreshments. Walk-ins welcome. Local collection for FISH; bring non-perishable foods or canned goods.

Parish Resurrection Experience

April 11-14

A parish resurrection experience will be held at Sacred Heart Church Sunday through Wednesday, April 11-14, at 7 p.m. Gather the young and old, families and friends to celebrate, "A Time of Grace," presented by Rev. Michael P. Sullivan, OSA.

SPHS PTA Meeting Rescheduled

April 12

The next SPHS PTA meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 29, has been changed to Monday, April 12 in the SPHS Tiger's Den at 7 p.m. We will be discussing and making plans for the upcoming 2010 Project Graduation celebration. If you would like to help out, please try to attend this meeting.

If unable to attend the meeting, contact Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 to find out how you can volunteer.

Historical Society Monthly Meeting

April 13

The monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the History Center at the Roosevelt Administration Building. Entrance to the lower level and parking are on

Jackson Avenue. Planning for the reenactment of a Civil War skirmish with fire arms and in uniforms will be finalized. The History Center is open Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

Dept. of Public Works Open House

April 17

The South Plainfield Department of Public Works will be holding an open house on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. All residents are invited to stop by and check out the trucks and equipment as well as the facilities. The mayor and council will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served. We hope to see you then.

Little Treasures Open House

April 17

Little Treasures, 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide infant care through preschool and summer camp for children ages five to eight. State-of-the-art atmosphere, providing each child with the experience to open their minds and expand their abilities.

For more information, call (908) 769-3224.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 17

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the South Plainfield American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$5 per ticket and includes salad, drink, bread, meatballs and spaghetti. Purchase tickets at the door; take out is available. All proceeds will go towards troop equipment and events.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 705-2519 or (908) 413-1000.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up....

April 10-Blood Drive (Amelia Lyte)
April 16-Passport Satellite Office
April 15-Showboat 9 a.m.
April 25-27-Tulip Festival
May 13-15-Washington, DC
June 7-10 Niagara Falls
Oct 11-15-Indian Head Resort
(Call the senior center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

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WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Line Dancing 10:30 am
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, computer classes, exercise, art, Tai Chi, yoga and crafts.
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Sacred Heart School Tricky Tray

April 24

Sacred Heart School is holding a tricky tray on Saturday, April 24 in the school cafeteria on South Plainfield Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Entrance ticket: \$15.

For more information and tickets, call Michele at (732) 406-9728.

Church Bake Sale

April 24

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, located at 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Delmore and Belmont avenues), will hold a bake sale on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until noon. All proceeds will go directly to the church.

Flea Market

April 24

The Auxiliary of American Legion Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold a flea market and craft show on Saturday, April 24. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces available; call (732) 644-4376.

Luncheon/Fashion Show

April 25

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a luncheon/fashion show on Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Fashions by Dress Barn of South Plainfield. Proceeds go to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Special State Project: Autism New Jersey and the club's scholarship fund. Donation is \$20.

For tickets, call (908) 756-8679.

Out of Town

Blackrose to Perform

April 10

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Tim Kerwin's, located on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, April 10, at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Middlesex East Wows Dance

April 9

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, April 9 at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Flea Market

April 10

Connecticut Farms Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and West Chestnut Street in Union, will hold a flea market on Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rentals: \$35 for 8' table or \$30 for 6' table. Proceeds used for mission projects of the Women's Association.

For info, call (908) 245-0562.

Hope For Home Dog Adoption Event

April 10

Best Friends Pet Care with the Associated Humane Society presents an event to introduce homeless dogs to potential adopters at Best Friends Pet Care Center, 825 Route 22 West in North Plainfield on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Bring a dog food item and get raffle tickets for chance to win great prizes. For more information, call (908) 614-7835.

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Contact: Natalie Bergen, Chairperson (908) 756-8679

Around Town

Meditation Class at Willow Grove

April 10

Medical QiGong, a course of meditation exercises, will be offered at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Saturday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please be on time; we will not be able to interrupt the session.

For information about Willow Grove, call (908) 232-5678.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

April 10

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party at the Crowne Plaza Edison, 2055 Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 27) in Edison on Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m. Admission: \$15; ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801 or E-mail info@steppinoutsingles.com.

Catholic Center Blessing at Rutgers

April 11

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, 84 Somerset St. in New Brunswick will be blessed by Bishop Paul G. Boorkoski immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Sunday, April 11.

For more information, call at (732) 562-2429.

Blood Drive

April 11

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel, 18 Shalom Way in Scotch

Plains will host a blood drive on Sunday, April 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Run by the Blood Center of New Jersey, the drive is open to anyone in the community, 18 years or older, who is medically eligible to donate blood.

For more information, call (908) 889-1830 or Walter Chinoy, blood drive chair, at (908) 232-0062.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

April 14

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, located at George Fredrick Plaza, Rte. 35, in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

Catholic Charities Bread & Roses Ball

April 17

The Diocese of Metuchen will honor Carmel M. Gettings at its 20th annual Bread and Roses Ball on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way in Bridgewater. Proceeds will benefit the Diocese's Catholic Charities programs in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties.

This black tie optional event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, Monte Carlo style gaming and a 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$150 per person.

For information, call (732) 562-2438 or visit www.diometuchen.org/ development.

Crisis Hotline Honors South Plainfield Woman at Annual Celebration

CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour caring and crisis hotline named the "Best Statewide Volunteer Organization" by the New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism recognized and honored more than 70 volunteers who staff the crisis hotline at its Volunteer Recognition Celebration and Annual Meeting on March 11 in Westfield.

South Plainfield resident Joanne Bloomwell was recognized for serving more than 34 years or 3,000 hours on the hotline.

Bloomwell offers the gift of listening to callers who are lonely, depressed, stressed or suicidal. She dedicates approximately eight hours a month to staffing the crisis line. With more than 12,000 calls a year, her contribution is critical to CONTACT and the callers served by the hotline. In her warm and comforting way, she lets callers know they are not alone—that someone cares.

"Now, more than ever, our caring and crisis hotline is providing an invaluable service to the community," said David Owens, executive director. "Our compassionate and dedicated



Joanne Bloomwell receives a standing ovation for her 34 years of service as a hotline volunteer at CONTACT We Care's annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration. Posing with her is CWC Executive Director David Owens. Applauding her achievement (behind her) is husband Gene Bloomwell.

volunteers provide hope and comfort to individuals dealing with everything from employment and financial stress to physical illness to relationship issues." CONTACT's free, confidential

hotline number is (908) 232-2880.

For more information about volunteering for CONTACT We Care, please call (908) 301-1899 or visit www.contactwecare.org.

County Passport Satellite Office at Senior Center

Middlesex County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn announced that South Plainfield will host a one-day Passport Satellite Office on Friday, April 16, from 1-3 p.m. and will be accepting applications for U.S. Passports in the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

The Passport Satellite Office is a joint project by the Middlesex County Clerk's Office and the Borough of South Plainfield to bring county programs and services directly to township residents. In addition to processing passport applications, the County Clerk's Office is available to administer the Notary Public Oath of Office to persons who previously applied to the State of New Jersey to become a Notary Public and who have received approved applications from the state.

Flynn said that persons applying for a passport must present:

- Evidence of U.S. citizenship in the form of a certified birth certificate with a raised seal and a file date from the registrar of vital statistics from the state, county or municipality the applicant was born in, or a previous passport for natural born citizens.

Hospital birth certificates and baptismal certificates are not acceptable. Evidence of U.S. citizenship in the form of a naturalization certificate is required for foreign-born citizens who became U.S. citizens through naturalization;

- Two identical 2" x 2" regulation passport photos taken within the last six months. The photographs must have a light or white background and be full face forward. School photos and vending machine photos are not acceptable;

- Identification in the form of a valid driver's license, a school photo ID or an employment photo ID. If an applicant does not have approved identification, contact (732) 745-3404 for further information;

- The fee for an adult passport age 16 and over is \$100. Payment must be made via check or money order in


the amount of \$75 payable to the U.S. Department of State and a separate check or money order for \$25 made payable to the Middlesex County Clerk. The passport is valid for 10 years.

- The fee for a child's passport (16 or younger) is \$85. Make check or money order in the amount of \$60 payable to U.S. Department of State and a check or money order for \$25 payable to the Middlesex County Clerk.

- All applicants must appear in person. If applying for a passport for a minor under the age of 16, both parents and the minor child must be present at time of application. The minor passport is valid for five years.

- Processing time is about four to six weeks. Expedited applications take two to three weeks to be processed.

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Riley School Students Celebrate Grandparents



With a little luck from the Irish, Riley School held their annual Grandparents Day on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

The program began with the kindergarten children reciting the poem *Five Green Shamrocks*, after which they sang *Leprechaun March*, *Do You Know What A Shamrock Is?*, *March 17th*, *Wait and See*, *The Little Red Box* and *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*.

The first grade class entered the gym singing *It's a Great Day for the Irish*. They recited the poems *Oh, My Mother Isn't Irish* and *Irish Blessing*. The girls sang *I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover* and the boys sang *H-A-R-R-I-G-A-N*. The entire class sang *Grandparents Day*, *Skinmamam-rink*, *I'll Care For You* and left the room to the song *It's a Great Day for the Irish*.

Second grade students recited the poems, *It's Grandparent's Day*, *Grandparent's Hugs Are Made for Love*, *Grandparents Have Special Talents* and *What Are Grandparents For?* They also sang *Let's Have a Big Parade!*, *Have You Ever Seen a Leprechaun?*, *On St. Patrick's Day* and *The Little Leprechaun*.

There was plenty of food to go around, supplied by the PTSO, as well as lots of hugs and memories.



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Scouts Can Earn Badges at New Middlesex Co. Program

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission has announced a new Scout program available at East Jersey Olde Towne Village and the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum. Both sites can be used as resources for the completion of various badges for both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

From history and archaeology to citizenship and disability, we offer year round programs for achieving badges. Inside the brochure you will find information on numerous projects which satisfy specific badge requirements.

The interactive Indian Lore workshop was developed with the late James Lone Bear Revey and will discuss Lenape culture, food ways, clothing and games through the use of hand made Lenape artifacts that were hand-crafted or personally selected by Revey,

a Lenape artisan.

Scouts will be taught the history of the 18th century Raritan Landing community and examine archaeological methods used in its excavation in the Archaeology and Architecture program. They will learn about the working structures of the Colonial port community and tour the Georgian manor built by Cornelius Low.

History was written by the victors and most often, by men, about whatever men believed to be of importance. As a result, women are poorly represented in the historical record, or relegated to only nurturing roles. Scouts will learn the stories of spies and tales of accomplished women who were key figures on the political and social scene in the Women in the Revolutionary War workshop.

Retirees' Benefits

(Continued from page 1)
come to an end as Governor Christie recently signed into law reforms requiring all public employees to pay at least 1.5 percent of their salary toward health benefits after the expiration of a current contract. All newly-hired employees pay at least 1.5 percent of their base pension toward health benefits upon retirement and limit sick leave payouts for all new local employees to \$15,000.

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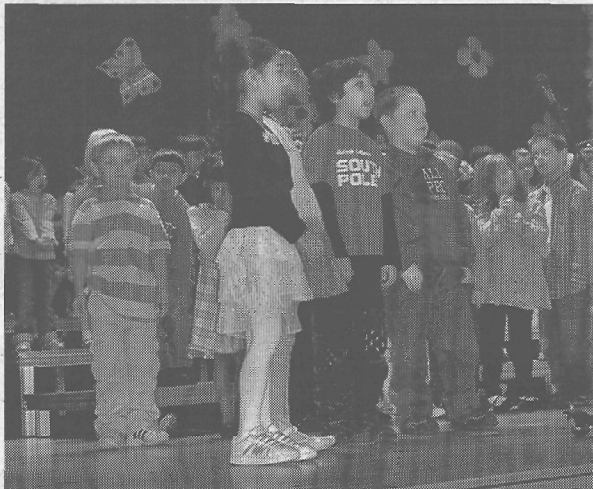
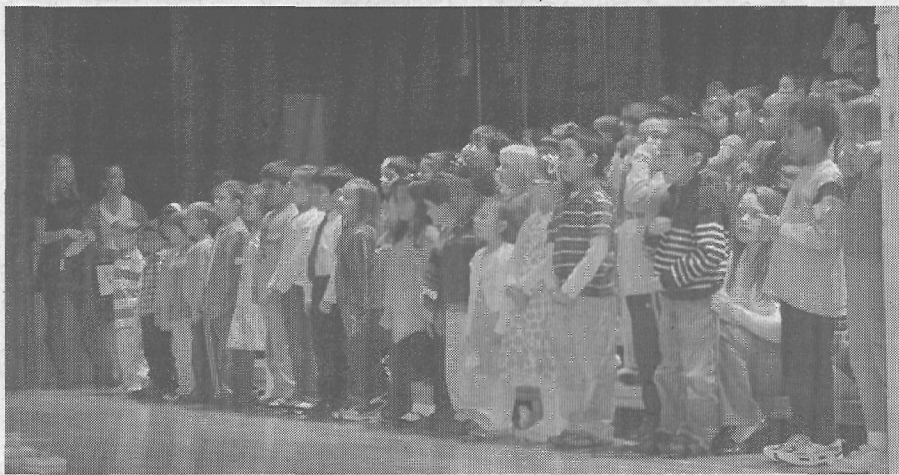
To request a copy of the Scout program brochure, call the commission at (732) 745-4489. To discuss a badge or for more detailed information, please call East Jersey Olde Towne Village, (732) 745-3030, or the Cornelius Low House, (732) 745-4177. All programs are offered free of charge. All of East Jersey Olde Towne Village and the first floor of the Cornelius Low House are accessible sites. All publications are available in large type and may be requested in Braille. An American Sign Language interpreter can be provided with a two-week advance request. An Assistive Listening System is available. Visitors may wish to request one of our folding wheelchairs to assist them from the parking lot to the program.

The program is funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

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Roosevelt School Celebrates Grandparents



The kindergarten classes at Roosevelt School celebrated their annual Grandparents Day on March 31. The event was coordinated by teacher Joy Czaplinski along with Patricia Santillo, Kristen Kunie, Mary Beth Urrego and special education teacher Amy Arnold. Art teacher Glenda Posey helped craft the decorations and the PTO provided the refreshments.

As part of the event, several children at a time recited statements about what special role grandparents play in their lives; teaching manners, hugs, singing together, talking, taking them places and caring.

All of the students summed up the program together by saying, "Grandparents are for loving you in everything you do. Grandparents are for telling, we all love you!"

Kennedy Clifford Cares Night Benefits Animal Shelter



Kennedy School first grade and transitional first grade teachers put together a special night for their students with a Clifford Cares Night on March 26. The children participated in many fun activities, including Bingo, cookie decorating, puppet making and dog headbands, exploring the Clifford Web site, math and other games.

The night came to a close with singing and snacking on delicious Clifford Cares Cakes. The students also had their photos taken with Clifford to take home along with the crafts they created, booklets, goodies and a brand new Clifford book.

The children brought with them dog and cat food, accessories and other needed items for homeless pets that will be donated to the Camden County Animal Shelter in Blackwood.

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Calling All High School Senior Girls – It's Scholarship Time

The Parents' Ponytail (Softball) Association is sponsoring four \$500 college scholarships. Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained from the South Plainfield High School guidance office. To qualify for the scholarships, the applicant must be a high school senior graduating this June and a current resident of South Plainfield. To qualify for one of the two recreation scholarships, applicants must have played for a minimum of four years in the South Plainfield Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball League.

To qualify for the Ponytail All Star scholarships, applicants must have played SP Recreation softball for a minimum of four years and SP Pony-

tail All-Stars for a minimum of three years. All-Star players may apply for both the recreation and all star scholarships; however, a player is only eligible to receive one scholarship.

The application must be received no later than Monday, May 3. All completed applications can be mailed to SPPPA Scholarship, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or returned to the high school guidance office in a sealed envelope labeled SPPPA Scholarship. Verification of school enrollment is required prior to funds being awarded.

Get your applications and hand them in as soon as possible. Best of luck to all of you. You are all winners in our scorebook.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



Finally, it's here! Opening day ceremonies are set to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and it's time to "play ball!"

Please have your children at Roosevelt School parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to line up for the parade. Firetrucks, the South Plainfield High School Band and the baseball teams will march to the baseball complex to celebrate the beginning of the new season. After arriving at the ballfields, ceremonies will begin for all on Field 2.

The first games will begin at noon. Consult your Parents Handbook for the time for your team and individual pictures. All pictures will be taken in the clubhouse.

Don't forget to buy your tickets

for the SPJBC sponsored second annual SPHS Baseball Team game at TD Bank Park (where the Somerset Patriots play) on Sunday, April 18. Come out and support our baseball team when they play JFK (Iselin), the 2009 Group 3 State Champions. The game starts at 11 a.m. and tickets will be on sale all day at the snack stand. Tickets are \$10 each; buy three and get one free.

You can find all this and more information on our Web site, www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

"Hello again, everybody. It's a beeyoo-tiful day for baseball." –Harry Caray

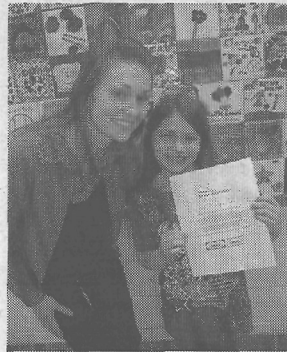
JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Gianna Ruzicka Named Junior Journalist

Roosevelt School second-grader Gianna Ruzicka has been named a winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her submission of the poem, "Rhyming River," has earned her a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal or the Observer office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May. Junior Journalists also have the opportunity to win the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 savings bond which will be awarded at the banquet.



Junior Journalist Gianna Ruzicka with teacher Shannon Boyles.

For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010.

Rhyming River

By Gianna Ruzicka, Grade 2

"The rhyming river," says frog. What rhymes with frog? Log. Then, the frog jumped over the log.

"The rhyming river," says fish. What rhymes with fish? Dish. Then, we cook the fish, then we put the fish on the dish.

"The rhyming river," says rain. What rhymes with rain? Pain. Then, we had to run in the rain. What a pain!

"The rhyming river," says flower. What rhymes with flower? Power. Then, the flower had so much power.

"The rhyming river," says tree. What rhymes with tree? Flea. Then, the tree had a flea in it.

"The rhyming river," says sky. What rhymes with sky? Pie. Then the sky had pie.

"The rhyming river," says sun. What rhymes with sun? Fun. Then, the sun is so hot that I can have so much fun.

Local Talent Performing in Rent

Three South Plainfield residents will perform in the hit musical, *Rent*, at Middlesex County College. Christopher Abbott portrays Roger; Jessica Musolino and Nicole Scavone are part of the ensemble.

A synopsis taken from the Internet about the play states, "Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer Prize-winning revolutionary rock opera, *Rent*, tells the story of a group of bohemians struggling to express themselves through their art and 'measuring their lives in love.' Against the gritty backdrop of New York's East Village, these

friends strive for success and acceptance while enduring the obstacles of poverty, illness and the AIDS epidemic." It also noted strong language and drug references.

Performance dates are April 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. and April 18, at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$15. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.middlesexcc.edu/theater or call (866) 811-4111. The theater is located at Middlesex County College, 2600 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison.

policereport

• On March 16 Anthony J. Romano, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested at CVS on Plainfield Avenue for shoplifting hair dye worth \$6.

• A Plainfield resident reported the theft of a portable hard drive from their unlocked vehicle parked at Keystone Community Residence on Front Street.

• An Elsie Avenue resident reported the theft of their 1994 Honda Civic.

• A Lucy Court resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been damaged. Nothing was taken.

• On March 17 a Dunellen resident reported the theft of their 2006 Honda Accord from the parking lot at Target.

• On March 18 Cassandra Megan Adams, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• Hugo A. Parra-Rojas, 58, of Dunellen was arrested for not having his vehicle's registration and an outstanding warrant.

• A toilet handle and sink valves had been broken in the restroom at Putnam Park.

• On March 20 Clifford Matthew, 48, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• A South Madison Drive resident reported that the driver's side rear view mirror of their vehicle had been damaged.

• On March 21 Thomas Wilson, 48, of Shiloh, Ill. was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Michael Innes, 31, of South Plainfield was arrested for defiant trespass.

• The junior baseball club reported that PVC pipe throughout the complex had been broken and a fence post had been removed from the picnic area.

• On March 23 Donald L. Mason, 25, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• On March 24 Ulysess J. Ivey, 49, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1888

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 247 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, "THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE" was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 9, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- [1] Protect human life and health;
- [2] Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- [3] Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- [4] Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- [5] Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets, bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- [6] Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the second use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future flood blight areas;
- [7] Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
- [8] Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

This ordinance shall apply to all areas of special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The full text of this ordinance is available at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$42.68 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1887

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on April 5, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, in the Borough on April 19, 2010 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Providing for the Funding of an Emergency Temporary Appropriation to Fund a Portion of the Accrued Sick, Vacation and Related Expenses Arising from the Unexpected Retirement of Several Borough Employees Appropriating \$800,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$800,000 Refunding Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: To fund, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-2:51, an emergency temporary appropriation in the amount of \$800,000 adopted by the Borough on April 5, 2010 to fund a portion of the accrued sick, vacation and related expenses arising from the unexpected retirement of several Borough employees.

Appropriation: \$800,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$800,000
Grant Appropriated: N/A
\$51(b) Costs: \$25,000
Useful Life: N/A

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-2:17.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$42.68 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1886

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL FOR THE INTERSECTION OF STELTON ROAD AND HADLEY CENTER DRIVE, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 9, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BE IT ORDAINED Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the intersection of Stelton Road and Hadley Center Drive shall be controlled by a traffic control signal in accordance with the Plan bearing the date of October 27, 2003, revised as an as-built on February 1, 2010, and inspected on the date of February 1, 2010;
2. That the traffic control signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and shall be operated in conformance with the designated plan;
3. That this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption and publication and approval by the Mayor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), and upon the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation;
4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed;
5. That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof;
6. Upon adoption, the Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to John J. Reiser, Middlesex County Engineer, P.O. Box 1248, 333 Townsend Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903 for submission

to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of a Consenting Resolution.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$46.46 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1885

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 327, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, April 9, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 327 of the Code of the Borough be amended as follows:

Delete 327-5(F):

Add as new Section, 327-5(F):

The commencement and termination date for the period of solicitation as requested by the applicant. Hours for door-to-door solicitation shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for commercial and non-commercial establishments.

Amend Section 327-18, Invitation or Barring of Solicitors as follows:

The current provision shall be designated as Subsection (A). The following shall be designated as Subsection (B): The Chief of Police shall maintain a list of names and addresses of residents who have determined that solicitors, peddlers and/or hawkers shall not be invited to their respective residence. Any resident shall be included on such list if they complete a form to be so included. The form shall be available at Borough Hall and on the Borough website. The list shall be posted on the Borough website. Every applicant seeking a license for the purposes herein mentioned shall sign a certification that they have reviewed the list and they will not solicit, peddle or hawk at any residence on

the list. Any solicitor, peddler or hawker who goes upon any premises or rings a doorbell upon or near any door or creates any sound in any manner calculated to attract the attention of the occupant of such residence, when such residence is on the list provided shall be considered to be engaging in uninvited soliciting as set forth in Section 327-19, and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 327-20.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$45.15 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1883

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SEWERS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1884

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A-12-13 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 April 9, 2010

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Greetings from the library.

Spring is finally here after a long, cold, and wet winter.

Why pay for movie rentals? Come to the library where renting movies is free. We have a great selection from hot new releases to television shows to classics. Some recently released movies that we own are: *Couples Retreat*, *Time Traveler's Wife*, *Brothers*, *Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire*, *Up in the Air*, *Did You Hear About the Morgans*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *The Blindside*, *The Hurt Locker*, *The Informant*, *Everybody's Fine* and *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*. For the kids, we also have new releases such as: *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Disney's The Princess and the Frog*, *Hannah Montana: Miley Says Goodbye*, *Old Dogs* and *Planet 51*. Some new television shows that we have on DVD are: *Glee: The Road to Sectionals Vol. 1*, *Mad Men Season 3* and *Big Love Seasons 1-3*. We also have new music as well as new books on CD. You can go to our Web site or call us to place any of these items on hold. Be advised that there is a \$.50 charge per item for holds.

The Middlesex County Recycling Program is no longer accepting alkaline batteries and automobile batteries for recycling. Batteries accepted include rechargeable batteries (C, D, AA, 9-volt, etc.) and the button cell batteries found in watches, calculators and other small electronic items; and larger batteries, such as those found in cell phones, laptops and camcorders. Alkaline batteries should be disposed of in the trash.

Tax season is upon us and here at

the library we now have the Federal tax forms. The New Jersey Division of Taxation is not distributing N.J. State Income Tax Forms to libraries for the 2009 tax season. You can find forms online at state.nj.us/treasury/taxation or call 1-800-323-4400. We are unable to give tax advice, but we do have plenty of materials to aid in filling out the forms and getting information. We have JK Lasser's *Your Income Tax: 2010 Edition*, *How to Pay Zero Taxes: 2010 Edition*, *1001 Deductions & Tax Breaks 2010*, *New Rules for Estate and Tax Planning Revised and Updated*, and *Easy Ways to Lower Your Taxes: Simple Strategies Every Taxpayer Should Know* and many more.

April 11-17 is National Library Week. Gov. Christie's budget calls for a 74% decrease in funding for statewide library services. Access to electronic databases such as EBSCO, which kids use for research, will cease. More than half of public libraries will lose access to the Internet. Statewide Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and delivery will cease among many other cuts. If these and the many other services that could be affected are important to you, please contact your state legislators and insist they oppose funding cuts to library services. You can call or send a message to the governor at (609) 292-6000, your state senator and assembly representatives opposing the elimination of funding for library programs. Visit <http://capwiz.com/ala/nj/home> for more information. Sign up today to be a library champion at www.ilovenjlibraries.org.

On Tuesday, April 13, there is the Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. It begins at 7 p.m. and is

open to the public. All who would like to attend are welcome. Please be advised that the library will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28, for staff training. The library will also be closed only in the morning on Thursday, April 29. We will open at 1 p.m. and storytimes are cancelled on that Thursday.

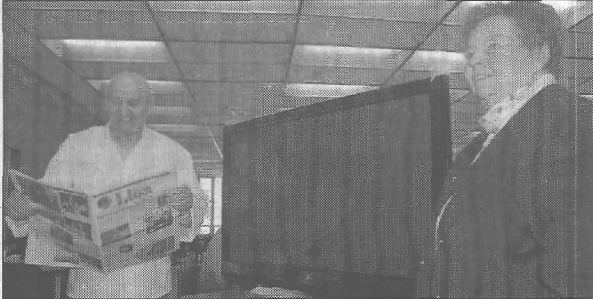
We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The Monday Morning Movie is shown on Monday morning at 10:30 for preschool age children and the movie usually runs for about 40 minutes. The Storytime program for children ages three and up is held Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday night at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Time for 2s & 3s program for children between the ages of two and three is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. The Babytime program for ages up to two years is held Friday morning at 10:30. We are also doing an afternoon film on Fridays at 3:30 for school age children. The story programs last about an hour and include stories, songs and a craft for older kids. These programs do not require registration.

For more information about the programs, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

We are open seven days a week except on holidays. Our hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays we are open 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays we are open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays 1:30-5 p.m.

To find out more, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us on the Web at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us

See you next week!



Larry and Doris Massaro, winners of the Lions TV raffle.

Lions Cook Gourmet Breakfast for 500

The South Plainfield Lions Club held their annual Palm Sunday Gourmet Breakfast on March 28 in the high school cafeteria.

About 500 diners flocked to the 50-year-old event, keeping Lions members and those helping them non-stop busy. Teenagers Kelly Simpson, LJ Scarpitto, Charlotte Nacchia, Katie Simmonds, Kayla Massaro and Kristen DeSclafani helped to clear and set up tables.

The event offered diners a wide variety of breakfast fare, including made-to-order omelettes.

Guests had the opportunity to purchase 50/50 tickets and a chance to win a 42" plasma TV. The winner of the TV was 49-year veteran Lion, Larry Massaro, who noted that he had never won anything before.

Members of Metuchen Metro Lions, a woman's organization; Filipino American Lions; as well as Metuchen, Sayerville, Edison and Colts Neck Lions clubs attended the breakfast.

Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.
South Plainfield, NJ

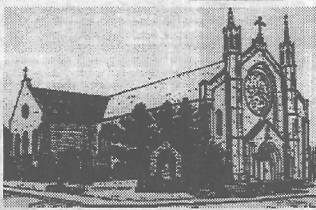
Rev. John Paul
Alvarado, Pastor

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.
Daily 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

Holy Days 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1878

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 5, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Providing for the Current Refunding of Certain General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1998 and Certain General Improvement Bonds, Series 1999, Appropriating \$1,880,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,880,000 General Improvement Refunding Bonds of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof."

Purposes:

A) To current refund all or a portion of the \$780,000 of the outstanding principal amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1998, originally issued in the principal amount of \$5,815,000, dated May 1, 1998, which amount matures between August 1, 2010 and August 1, 2012, inclusive, (the "General Obligation Refunded Bonds"), which are subject to redemption on or after August 1, 2008 at the option of the Borough at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the General Obligation Refunded Bonds to be redeemed.

B) To current refund all or a portion of the \$1,000,000 of the outstanding principal amount of its General Improvement Bonds, Series 1999, originally issued in the principal amount of \$2,585,000, dated June 15, 1999, which amount matures between June 15, 2010 and June 15, 2014, inclusive, (the "General Improvement Refunded Bonds" and, together with the General Obligation Refunded Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"), which are subject to redemption on or after June 15, 2009 at the option of the Borough at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the General Improvement Refunded Bonds to be redeemed.

Appropriation: \$1,880,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,880,000
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 51(b) Costs: \$100,000
Useful Life: N/A

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$49.76 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1877

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 19, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Providing for the Current Refunding of Certain Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 1999, Appropriating \$2,350,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,350,000 Sewer Utility Refunding Bonds of the Borough for Financing the Cost Thereof."

Purpose: To current refund all or a portion of the \$2,250,000 of the outstanding principal amount of its Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 1999, originally issued in the principal amount of \$6,200,000, dated June 15, 1999, which amount matures between June 15, 2010 and June 15, 2014, inclusive, (the "Refunded Bonds"), which are subject to redemption on or after June 15, 2009 at the option of the Borough at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed.

Appropriation: \$2,350,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$2,350,000
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 51(b) Costs: \$100,000
Useful Life: N/A

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$42.68 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1875

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEES FOR THE RENTAL OF THE SENIOR CENTER AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$26.62 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1879

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF ANTHONY AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1880

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF PULASKI STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$27.56 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1881

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF PULASKI STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

An appeal has been filed by John Schenk requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit re-build of concrete deck with pressure treated lumber (160.8 square feet) 13'4" wide x 12' long; 8' side yard setback required, 3.22' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 429 Hancock Street, Block 328, Lot 13; Zone R-10 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 22, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1882

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OVER A PORTION OF PULASKI STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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\$38.50 April 9, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1889

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1859 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2010 and 2011

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each Officer or Employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall become effective upon passage of this ordinance.

TITLE	2010	2011
ADMINISTRATOR	26,202	26,922
MUNICIPAL CLERK	87,000	89,383
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	118,008	121,253
TAX COLLECTOR	64,575	66,351
TAX ASSESSOR	118,010	121,255
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST	83,146	84,882
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	4,949	5,085
OEM COORDINATOR	15,000	15,413
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICE ON AGING	17,500	17,981
FIRE OFFICIAL	74,129	76,168
FIRE SUBCODE	5,856	6,017
SUPERINTENDANT OF PUBLIC WORKS	105,842	108,752
CHIEF ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	6,014	6,179
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	57,762	59,350
CONSTRUCTION OFFICER	99,962	102,711
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	63,932	65,690
RECREATION DIRECTOR	69,456	71,366
POOL ADMINISTRATOR	8,529	8,764
MAYOR	8,607	8,807
COUNCIL PRESIDENT	6,885	6,885
COUNCILPERSON	5,738	5,738
BOROUGH ATTORNEY	11,620	11,939
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR	43,801	45,005
PUBLIC DEFENDER	8,350	8,580
PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY	8,767	9,008
RECREATION HOUSEKEEPER	10,795	11,092
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	48,134	50,485
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	6,688	6,851
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	1,396	1,434
SECRETARY TO MAYOR	1,567	1,610
DVRT COORDINATOR	5,240	5,384
BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER/OMNI BUS	19,389	19,922
MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON	2,000	2,055
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST REPORTER	2,000	2,055

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$90.48 April 9, 2010

Newspapers Drive Sales.

More than 1.2 million NJ adults made a purchase in the past week because of a newspaper ad.

Call 908-668-0010 to advertise.

Anesh Announces Bid for Mayor

(Continued from page 1)

project and modernization of the public works department. According to his GOP colleagues on the council, though, his background in management and finance is his greatest strength.

Anesh will be screening for his party's nomination when Republican committee members meet to

choose a mayoral candidate to appear on the primary ballot in June. He was elected twice to the council, in 2005 and 2009. This year his fellow council members unanimously voted him council president.

Anesh, a lifelong resident, lives on Hidden Court with his wife, and twin boys, Kimberly, Harrison and Joseph.

—Submitted by the SP GOP

Czech Gets Wrapped Up

(Continued from page 1)

Clapsis was a tremendous help to Czech. Al Czech's wife, Debbie, was also in attendance. She purchased the last few strips of tape to bring the total rased up to \$300.

The concessions also did a brisk business, netting a total of almost \$400. Teacher Jennifer Gaster had the honor of being the last person to place tape across Czech. The "untaping" of Al Czech was a big event itself, with students pressing in from all angles to watch and cheer. The process took a little longer than expected as "wait while I take a picture with you!" was heard over and over.

Before releasing Czech from the wall it was decided to see if they could remove the small step stool and have him remain stuck to the wall. They began reinforcing the tape just as a

safety measure, and then removed the step stool as applause sounded when guests saw that Czech was truly taped to the gym wall. It took several minutes to cut through the many layers of tape before he was a free man.

The annual carnival will be held on Wednesday, June 2. The popular event is a fun-filled exciting day for the entire student body. The students spend almost the entire day outside racing back and forth from rides and games to booths with breaks for food. The kids enjoy a free lunch, popcorn and cotton candy. Events include inflatable rides, games, face painting and tattoos. Czech is a favorite in the dunk tank and is usually joined by one or two volunteer dads. The PTSO, students and faculty look forward to the June carnival; they too had a great time, "hanging out with Mr. Czech!"



PLAINFIELDS' UNICO and Knights of Columbus (of Sacred Heart) sponsored the St. Joseph's table at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield on March 2 at the annual St. Joseph's Dessert Table. Pictured (L-R) are Bill Butrico of the Knights of Columbus and UNICO District X First Deputy Governor Bob Bengivenga, St. Joseph's Table Committee Co-Chair Bob Longo, UNICO President Plainfields' Chapter Anthony Bengivenga, Plainfields' UNICO member and St. Joseph's Table Committee member John DeAndrea, UNICO Sgt.-at-Arms Mike Colucci, and UNICO Past National President and St. Joseph's Table Committee Co-Chair Renato Biribin.

Plainfields' UNICO To Hold Blood Drive/Food Drive

The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO, an Italian-American non-profit service organization, announced it will be holding a blood and food drive on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

Plainfields' UNICO members will be collecting non-perishable food for local food banks as part of UNICO's day of service, Plainfields' UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga announced. Free refreshments will be made available.

For more information on these items, please contact Plainfields' UNICO member Rick McNally at (908) 510-0264.

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The SPHS Baseball Team will hold its second annual game against JFK (Islin) at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark in Bridgewater on Sunday, April 18, at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 each; buy three, get one free. Call the Junior Baseball Club at (908) 754-2090 or 908-754-4620, ext. 306, or see coaches Guida, Battista, Mosca or Darby for tickets.

The middle school, with the help of the high school student council, will host the second annual blood drive on Tuesday, April 13, in the upstairs gym at the high school from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Blood donations are desperately needed. For further information, please call PTO President Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or Jane Dornick at (908) 754-3420. The book fair took place recently and was a big success. Thank you to Connie Miller, Maria Butrico, Diane Sheaffer, Tree Olano, Librarian Wendy Su, Eileen Brady, treasurer, and Jane Dornick for their help. New Jersey ASK testing will take place Tuesday, April 27, through Friday, April 30.

The South Plainfield Education Foundation Alumni Association will hold an art auction on Friday, April 30, at the high school. Student volunteers are needed to help during the auction. Please contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

The South Plainfield Education

Foundation will sponsor a wine tasting event on Friday, May 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Italian/American Club on Garibaldi Avenue. Tickets are \$30 per person or four for \$100. The annual golf outing will be held Tuesday, May 11. For more information, call Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.

Orientation for students entering fifth grade at Grant School will take place from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the following schools: Kennedy on Tuesday, April 20; Franklin on Wednesday, April 21; Roosevelt on Tuesday, April 27; and Riley on Wednesday, April 28. Report card distribution will take place on Wednesday, April 21, for Grant School students.

Grades K-4 school conferences will take place on Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23. Students will have a half day dismissal on both days.

Kennedy School Grandparents Day will be held on Friday, April 23. Riley School Spring picture day is Friday, April 16. Roosevelt School Character Counts Day, color Orange, is Friday, April 16. Friday, April 30, is School Spirit Day; wear sweats.

Take your child to work day is Thursday, April 22.

The end of the third marking period is Friday, April 16. Report cards will be mailed on Friday, April 23 for middle and high school students.

Obituaries

Concetta D. (Spinelli) Cornell, 89

Concetta D. (Spinelli) Cornell passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 1, at JFK Hartwyck Edison Estate in Edison.

Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y. she had resided in Plainfield and South Plainfield before her marriage to the late Henry W. Cornell. They resided in various locations throughout the U.S. while Henry served in the armed forces and later worked for American Cyanamid, settling in Piscataway in 1964.

Concetta graduated from the Muhlenberg School of Nursing and had been a registered nurse holding various industrial nursing positions before her retirement in the late 1960s. She is the recipient of several achievement awards for her dedication to the profession.

She is predeceased by her husband, Henry W., who died in 1986; and by a sister, Marie Todisco.

Surviving are two daughters, Catherine Seltsam and Lois Slowata and husband John; a sister, Carol Barone; two grandchildren, Tara and Julie; and two great-grandchildren, Piper and Cooper.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

For many years Mr. Hlavaty worked as a member of the technical staff with Bells Labs Murray Hill, Morristown and Whippany locations, and served as president of the Bell Labs Chapter Toastmasters International.

A devoted family man who cherished his grandchildren, he was also a founding member of the Geary Park Association.

Surviving are his loving wife of 52 years, Shirley (Toth); three sons, Michael and wife Ghada of Clifton, Robert and wife Marianne of South Bound Brook and Edward of Lambertville; a sister, Mary Sauers of Johnstown, Pa.; and five grandchildren, Jenny, Andrew, Christina, Robert and Maggie.

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Viola K. Seleski, 87

Viola K. Seleski passed away with her family at her side on Thursday, April 1, at Genesis Eldercare-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

One of eight daughters born to Charles and Antoinette Marchese, Viola was born in Troy, N.Y. and moved to Plainfield in 1946. In the mid 1950s, she settled to a new home she and her husband built in Edison.

She had been employed as the assistant V.P. for the former Queen City Savings and Loan in Plainfield before her retirement in the early 1980s.

She is predeceased by a great-grandchild, Ziaarah; and by four sisters, Antoinette, Anne, Catherine and Aida.

Viola is survived by her beloved husband, Joseph E. Seleski; two dear daughters, JoAnn Burke and husband Jack and Linda Omoletski; three sisters, Angela, Regina and Jeannie; five grandchildren, Michael Marchese, Stephen Omoletski, Jason Omoletski, Melissa Valenti and Tara Vonch; six great-grandchildren, Dillon, Madison, Marissa Jo, Taylor, Miyah and Violanda, as well as a great-grandchild expected in September. She is also survived by a special family friend, Keith Hillyard.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Richard Dale Smith, 58

Richard Dale Smith of Beachwood, N.J. and Charlotte, N.C. died suddenly on Friday, April 2 at home in North Carolina.

He is predeceased by his parents, Cornelius and Rosemary; and by a sister, Janice.

Richard is survived by his wife, Linda; two children, Steven and Kayla; daughter-in-law, Stephanie; three stepdaughters, Nicole, Jennifer and Megan; a sister, Karen; three brothers, Neil, Thomas and Robert; by several nieces and nephews; and by his dog, Buck.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Donations in the memory of this wonderful man may be made to The American Cancer Society.

Michael G. Hlavaty, 79

Michael G. Hlavaty died on Friday, April 2, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Johnstown, Pa., Mr. Hlavaty lived in Somerville prior to settling in South Plainfield in 1962.

A member of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Dunellen, Mike served as trustee and also coached basketball.

He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict as a radio tech and was also an avid golfer.

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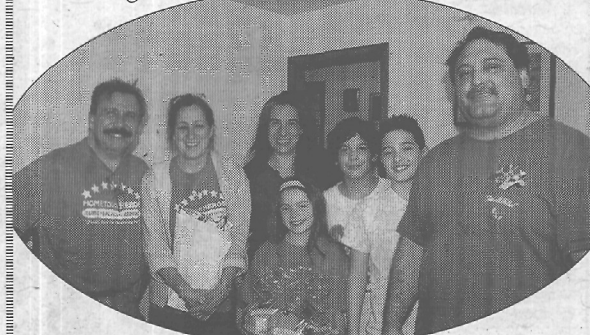
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Charlie and Debbie Kurland from Hometown Heroes deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Gianna Ruzicka pictured with her parents, Geannine and Joseph, and her brother, Nicholas, and his friend, Jose.